

Teuton Sea Tramp Wins Prize

CITY OPPOSES HIGHER RATES

It is no secret that the city officials are thoroughly alarmed over the prospect of the state utilities commission authorizing the Richmond Light, Heat and Power company to place in effect temporarily a schedule of natural gas rates, petitioned for by the company in December, which is approximately a seventy-five per cent increase over the existing rates. The company wants these rates to be operative until a permanent rate schedule, based on the physical valuation of the gas utility, can be formulated by the commission, several months hence.

Officials Fear Action.
City officials are inclined to the belief that the commission members regard the petition of the local gas company with much favor.

The municipal government, however, is prepared vigorously to combat the effort of the gas company to force high gas rates upon its patrons in mid-winter and the hearing of the case before the commission on February 7 promises to be an exceedingly lively one.

The Light, Heat and Power company is engaged in an effort to have a

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COUNTY AGENT MOVEMENT IS OPENED AGAIN

Opposition to the plan of providing supervisors of agriculture for the schools of Boston and Abington townships has been strongly developed over the county. The sentiment may lead to a called meeting of the Wayne county Better Farming association to consider some protest. The Ground Limestone Improvement company has also taken a stand against the proposed innovation. Both organizations would prefer to throw their support toward the engagement of a county agent to serve farmers of the entire county.

Members of the Better Farming association put forth the following arguments: The salary of the supervisor will be \$1,200, \$200 being paid by each of the townships, leaving \$800 to be met by the state. Under this arrangement benefit will be derived by only two townships.

For the sum of \$1,800 an agent can be employed who will assist farmers all over the county. There is \$500 in the original county agent fund which is not being used.

Agitation for a county agent among the farmers is increasing according to a well-known progressive farmer to whom many have appealed to take the lead in crystallizing the sentiment.

VILLA TROOPS DESTROY ROAD TO CHIHUAHUA

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 1.—Eluding Carranza soldiers who had been sent to pursue them, Villista soldiers have reached the railway line between Juarez and Chihuahua City. Shortly before noon on Monday they held up and robbed a passenger train that had left Juarez for Chihuahua the night before and today they are reported to be destroying the railroad. By wrecking the railroad the Villistas would isolate scores of Americans in Chihuahua City and other parts of the state of Chihuahua.

Several Americans are said to have been on the train that was held up and it is reported that the Villistas took from the train and shot to death General Tomas Ornelas, a former adherent of Francisco Villa who had surrendered to Carranza.

The Villistas looted the express car on the train and forced the passengers to give up their valuables. One rumor says that they got more than \$50,000 in booty.

The holdup occurred at Laguna, less than fifty miles north of Chihuahua City and in a district which Carranza officials claim to be safe for foreigners.

The attack on the railroad was taken in El Paso to indicate that Villa forces had moved eastward from western Chihuahua.

MINTURN INSPECTS TRENCHES IN COUNTY

Joseph A. Minturn of Indianapolis came to Wayne county today on a useless mission.

He was sent here as district representative from the Republican state central committee to work up interest in securing candidates for the various county offices. In Wayne county he found an abundance of nominations and it was suggested to him that it might be a good plan to weed out some of the candidates before primary. Mr. Minturn is candidate for lieutenant governor on the Republican primary ticket and was assigned the work of further organization of the sixth district.

Seeress Forecasted Weisbrod's Accident

How Herbert Weisbrod, 334½ South Eighth street, seriously and perhaps fatally injured yesterday when a barrel of whisky toppled off a derrick and fell upon his abdomen, was foretold by a negro fortune teller, last summer, that a tragedy would befall him "the last day of the first month of the new year," was related by several of the unfortunate man's friends today.

The night before the accident Weisbrod, it is stated, while calling upon a young woman remarked to her laughingly that he supposed he would "get his" on the following day, then telling her of the prediction made by the fortune teller several months ago.

Weisbrod suffered greatly last night but today was resting easier. The attending physician believes Weisbrod has a chance for recovery. He was operated on yesterday afternoon. Serious internal injuries were revealed.

Weisbrod, who has been operating a

WILSON TO ATTACK PREPAREDNESS FOES IN SPEECHES IN IOWA

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Standing on the rear platform of his special train and facing a battery of cameras in the glare of a flashlight, President Woodrow Wilson smiled goodbye to Chicago at 10 A. M. today, as he started the second half of his swing around the middle west.

A large crowd gathered in the cold to catch a glimpse of the chief executive and his bride as they left the Blackstone hotel and another throng greeted him at the LaSalle street station.

President Wilson smiled, bowed and waved his hand to both crowds. Just before departing, announcement was made that the train would stop at Joliet, Ottawa, Moline and Rock Island, and that President Wilson would make three train-end speeches. Inside the private car, President and Mrs. Wilson waited to bid farewell to the Chicago committee that had escorted them to the station.

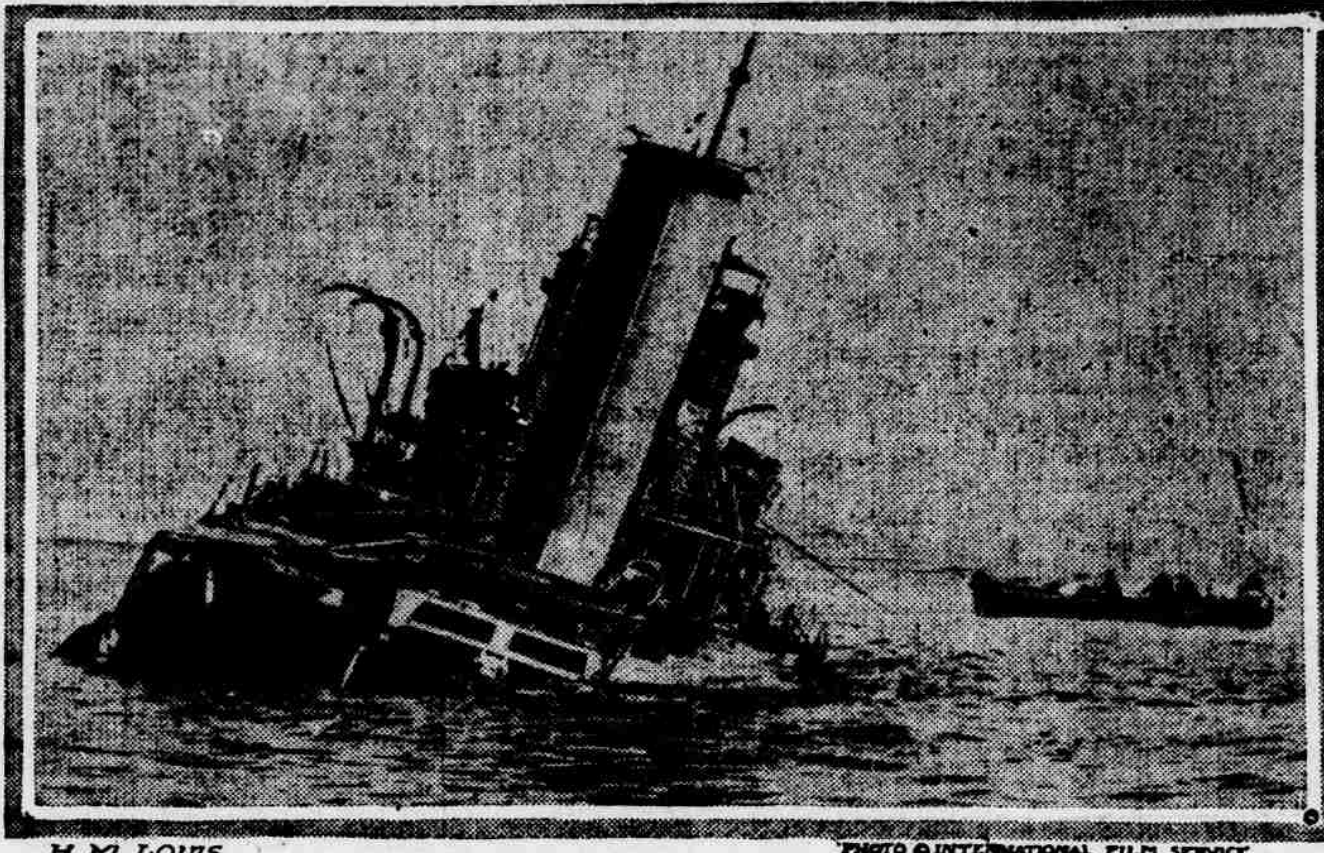
Members of the president's party today predicted that the president, beginning tonight at Des Moines, will become franker in his attacks on those opposing preparedness than he has been to date.

They declare it is the president's purpose to make all of his speeches different in order that the interest in them will not wane. It was pointed out today by one of his advisers that the president had covered the situation in a general way as fully as it can be covered. They believe he plans to make more direct attacks on his opponents.

HOTEL NEEDS SPUDS

Henry Vogelsong, landlord of the Hotel de Hobo, which is conducted in the basement of the city building, announces that his supply of potatoes is running short and that he would appreciate some more contributions of "spuds."

Stranded British War Ships



This remarkable photograph of the stranded British torpedo boat destroyer, Louis, was made in the Dardanelles just as the last of the crew were leaving in a launch sent from another ship in the fleet. The Louis grounded and the Turks shelled her from the land forts with such effect that she had to be abandoned. Not one member of the crew was lost in the transfer from the stranded vessel, although an almost constant fire was directed toward the ship from the Turkish forts.

PROHIBITION PARTY CALLS CONVENTION

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—Nomination of Prohibition candidates this year will be made by delegates in mass convention as heretofore, says J. Raymond Schmidt, state chairman. In a letter sent to voters all over the state. He denies the party will be off the ballot because of the ten per cent of the total vote necessary for a party to participate in the primary elections. The annual state convention is slated for Tomlinson hall, June 6-7.

HOLD UNIQUE PARTY.
LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Feb. 1.—A banquet will be given Feb. 29, by the club of Few Birthdays. All persons whose birthdays fall on that date are eligible to attend and already a large list has been obtained.

Like Movie Films Say Men Who Saw Fireman and Woman

When John Clements was standing across the street from the home of the "other woman in the case," and motioning to her as she stood at the window, he was not aware that men were observing his actions through a window of a nearby store which acted as a mirror. This was the testimony of Frank Stiens, Henry Vogelsong and Henry Westenberg in the Clements divorce trial, which will come to a close in circuit court late this afternoon.

Watch in Mirror.
Stiens compared the sight to a moving picture film and called the attention of the patrolmen to it several times during the past two years. Frank Stiens is proprietor of a shoe store at 510 Main street and he said that Clements could frequently be seen in front of the Oakland Wine company's room, directly across the street, nodding and motioning to a woman in the apartments of Mrs. Grant Yingling, 508½ Main. The reflection of the woman would be seen in the uppertransom of the store across

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**CORPORATION FORMED
BY GENNETT FAMILY**
Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state yesterday by the Gennett Corporation, consisting of Henry Gennett, Allice L. Gennett, Clarence Gennett, Harry Gennett and Fred Gennett. Capital stock was given as \$10,000. The corporation controls the piano store site recently purchased in Cincinnati.

ZEPPELINS ATTACK BRITISH ARSENALS

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Germany's latest air attack against England carried out last night by the biggest fleet of Zeppelins that has yet assaulted the British cities from the sky, is believed to have been directed at the great munitions factories that are now working day and night, as well as against ship yards and railway communications.

The Zeppelins were divided into three groups, one attacking the east coast, one attacking the northeastern coast and the third dropping bombs upon the midland counties.

London was menaced by the Zeppelins which came from the direction of the Estuary of the Thames.

Although the raid had been anticipated and preparations made for it, it is believed that all the balloons got away safely. Weather conditions were favorable for the raid, the sky being covered with a blanket of fog.

It was reported that one of the Zeppelins attempted to drop bombs on the great factories of Birmingham. Most of the ammunition which is being produced by England is coming from the great chain of industrial plants at Birmingham.

The raiders evidently intended to attack naval patrol stations at Hartlepool, Sunderland, Yarmouth and Norwich as bombs fell in those vicinities.

The attacking balloons penetrated further into the interior of England

FIVE STORES CLOSE AT 9 ON SATURDAYS

Joint agreement to close their stores at 9 o'clock on Saturday nights instead of 9:30 o'clock as has heretofore been the rule, has been made by five Richmond merchants. The establishments affected by the change are the Lee B. Nussbaum company, the Mashmeyer store, the Palais-Royal, the George H. Knollenberg company and the Boston store.

The new arrangement was decided upon by the merchants in consideration of the clerks and employees. The new closing hour becomes effective this week. No change in the daily working hours other than that of Saturday night will be made.

Three merchants who have taken the initiative in shortening the hours of the clerks believe they have established a precedent which will be generally followed by other Richmond merchants.

BRITISH STEAMER PREY OF GERMANS TAKEN TO NORFOLK

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 1.—The British steamer Appam which was reported to have been lost off the African coast, arrived in port today, a German prize of war.

It was reported when the Appam steamed into port that a German prize crew was on board and that she had been captured by a German submarine, but several hours later it was learned that she had been taken by an armed German tramp. The capture was made off the Canary islands and the vessel crossed the Atlantic, a distance of approximately 4,200 miles, with a prize crew and the German commander on board.

\$250,000,000 STEEL MERGER BEING FORMED

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Financial circles in New York expect an announcement within a few days that the merger of the Cambria Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube and Lackawanna Steel companies has been consummated. It is understood that minor details are being worked out and that as soon as these are arranged the official debut of the new giant industrial combine will be made.

The organization probably will be known as the International Steel Corporation and its capital stock, according to the tentative plans, will be either \$200,000,000 or \$250,000,000.

At the office of Kuhn, Loeb and Co., it was stated today that no statement on the merger negotiations could be issued at present but that they were progressing satisfactorily.

DURAZZO BOMBARDED.
ROME, Feb. 1.—Durazzo, Albania, has been bombed by Austrian aviators, who also dropped manifestos advising the Servians to return to Serbia, according to the Corriere Della Serra.

DEMOCRATIC WORKERS ENTER PRIMARY RACE

There will be contests for at least four places on the Democratic county ticket, to be nominated at the primary election March 7. Acting county chairman Dick Allen today gave out a list of aspirants for Democratic nominations for county offices, as follows:

FOR RECORDER—Harry Thalls, Jefferson township; Frank Pickett, Wayne township.

FOR SHERIFF—Ben Drischell, Richmond; George Young, Richmond.

FOR TREASURER—W. S. Hunt, Cambridge City; Frank Geisler, Hagerstown.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE—Robert E. Boren, Fountain City.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE—Robert Bell, Union county.

FOR CORONER—Dr. F. P. Buche, Richmond.

FOR COMMISSIONER, MIDDLE DIST.—James Harris, Center township.

FOR COMMISSIONER, WESTERN

NO WORD RECEIVED ON WILSON'S VISIT

President Wilson probably will not make a rear platform speech in Richmond on his first speaking tour of the central west in the interests of his preparedness program.

In returning from Chicago and the middle west cities, the president's special will stop for five minutes in Indianapolis. He will not speak there. Whether his return route to Washington will bring him through Richmond or whether he will take a southeasterly course to Cincinnati, is not known.

With respect to an address here during the second speaking trip which will probably be arranged for later, no assurances are forthcoming from Washington at this time. Senator Kern and Indiana congressmen are urging the president to address the laymen's missionary movement meeting in Indianapolis while on that trip.

RALSTON TO SPEAK.
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—Governor Samuel M. Ralston will be the speaker at Winona Lake when Indiana Day is celebrated during the summer chautauqua. Other speakers for the big week will be William Jennings Bryan and Vice President Marshall.

CAPTURE OF APPAM RAISES KNOTTY POINT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—What is expected to prove one of the most serious complications of the European war, so far as this government is concerned, developed today. The British merchant steamer Appam, previously lost at sea reached Norfolk in charge of a German prize crew. Her final disposition will present to this government a number of very serious problems.

So serious was the situation that Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Peters in charge of all matters affecting neutrality referred the entire problem to Secretary of State Lansing. He recommended that the Appam shall be sequestered in Hampton Roads until her exact status shall have been determined. There are no precedents to follow in this case. The Hague convention carried an agreement which would cover the case but the officials here declared that Great Britain did not subscribe to this particular binding, and that Germany did so with reservations.

Weather Forecast

United States Report—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Colder in extreme south portion tonight.

Yesterday.	
Noon	20
Maximum	26
Minimum	27

Local Forecast—Fair and cold tonight and Wednesday. Temperature near zero or below tonight.

General Conditions—The present cold wave which started south from Alaska the first of last week has finally reached the Mississippi valley and is causing snow as far south as northern Texas. The zero line is expected to reach the southern portion of Indiana tonight.

W. E. Moore, Weather Forecaster.

TO HOLD INSTITUTE.
CENTERVILLE, Ind., Feb. 1.—The Center Township Farmers' Institute will be held in the town hall here Feb. 9 and 10. A committee will arrange to program, which will be announced later.

It has been agreed, however, that this government shall stand on the letter of the Hague agreement. This provides that the question of whether the Appam is a legal prize shall be referred to Germany which shall have a prize court reach a decision.

There is not the slightest doubt that the decision will be that the liner was lawful prize. Then the question of disposition will become acute. The Hague agreement says that "lawful prize" coming into a neutral port must leave within a reasonable time otherwise it shall be interned.

Inasmuch as the British authorities already are understood to be sending warships to the Virginia capes to recapture the Appam it is certain that she will be interned. But officials here understand that Great Britain will not be willing to concede the legality of the capture of the liner.